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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:OEXC, BM

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ATTEND BURMA RESEARCH CONGRESS

REFS: A. RANGOON 3118; B. STATE 240319

1. WE MAY BE MISREADING YOUR RESPONSE (REF A), BUT WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT ANY BURMA SCHOLAR TRAVELLING THROUGH THE AREA COULD ATTEND THIS CONGRESS. AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MANY AMERICANS WHO WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY EXISTS. CAN WE ASSUME THAT SUCH AN OPEN INVITATION TO PRIVATE VISITS BY ACKNOWLEDGED SCHOLARS (REGARDLESS OF FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION) IS ENCOURAGED BY THE GUB? IF SO, WE WILL INFORM OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE INQUIRIES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF LEHMAN.

2. WHILE LEHMAN DID NOT MENTION RICHARD WIN PE, WE ASSUME THAT WIN PE WAS ONE OF HIS PRINCIPAL CONTACTS LAST SUMMER. WIN PE'S REQUEST FOR ADVANCE NOTICE SUGGESTS THAT HE MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM SOME GUB MINISTRY, BUT THIS INTERPRETATION MAY ALSO BE INCORRECT. WE COULD BE OVERSENSITIVE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF JEOPARDIZING THE OPENINGS ACHIEVED SO FAR IN OUR CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM, AS NOTED PARA 2 REF B,  
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BUT WE DO NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE LEHMAN UNLESS IT IS CLEAR

THAT GUB HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO HIS VISIT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

3. FINALLY, ALTHOUGH FUNDS MAY BE AVAILABLE TO PERMIT LEHMAN TO ATTEND CONGRESS, HIS VISIT COULD HARDLY BE CONSTRUED AS "PRIVATE" ESPECIALLY WHEN THE NEWS OF USG FUNDING IS CIRCULATED IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HERE. MOREOVER, AS A MATTER OF POLICY, FUNDING FOR ATTENDANCE AT ONE MEETING ONLY IS NOT POSSIBLE. A POST PROGRAM WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FURTHER COMMENTS. MAW

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